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   BRUCE CAHILL, an individual, et al., ) CASE NO: 8:16-cv-00686-AG-DFM
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                 Plaintiffs,
                                     ) PLAINTIFFS' AND
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                                       COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANTS'
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                                     ) OBJECTION TO THE "RESPONSE
                        -- VS. --
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                                     ) OF UNDERSIGNED CLIENTS . . . "
    PAUL PEJMAN EDALAT, an
                                     ) (DKT NO. 211) (REVISED)
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    individual, et al.,
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                 Defendants.
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Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendants, through their undersigned counsel, object to the recently-submitted "Response of Undersigned Clients" (Dkt. No. 211), hereinafter referred to as the "Response." This Response was submitted by the parties themselves, not their attorneys of record. It should be completely disregarded for three reasons:

First, the parties filing the Response are represented by attorneys of record. L.R. 83-2.3.1, makes clear that "[w]henever a party has appeared by an attorney, the party may not thereafter appear or act *pro se*, except upon order made by the Court after notice to such attorney and to any other parties who have appeared in the action."

Second, the Response, which purports to speak for two corporate entities, violates L.R. 83-2.2.2, which provides that "[n]o organization or entity of any other kind . . . may appear in any action or proceeding unless represented by an attorney permitted to practice before this Court under L.R. 83-2.1."

Third, it would be quite reasonable for this Court to infer that the Response was drafted for the parties involved by an attorney, based on the language used and the legal concepts discussed. Attorneys should sign the writings they submit for court consideration, thereby subjecting the writing and the lawyer involved to the obligations of Rule 11, *Fed. R. Civ. Pro.* The Response is a particularly good candidate for the Rule 11 requirements, in light of its complete contradiction of the

assertions made in the filing of the attorney of record on the subject of the attorney withdrawal being sought. See, Application for Leave to Withdraw (Dkt. No. 199). Dated: March 30, 2017 Respectfully submitted, MARKHAM & READ By: /s/ John J. E. Markham, II John J. E. Markham, II Attorney for Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendants

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 Commonwealth of Massachusetts) ss, 3 County of Suffolk. 4 I am employed in the county and state aforesaid. I am over the age of 18 and not a 5 party to the within action. My business address is One Commercial Wharf West, Boston, MA 02110 6 7 On March 30, 2017, I served the foregoing document described as: 8 **OBJECTION TO "RESPONSE OF UNDERSIGNED CLIENTS..." (DKT** 9 **NO. 211) (REVISED)** 10 [X] BY ELECTRONIC MAIL via the ECF filing system on: 11 12 Kristopher Price Diulio, Esq. Brendan M. Ford, Esq. 13 FORD & DIULIO, PC 14 695 Town Center Drive, Ste 700 15 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714) 384-5542 16 kdiulio@forddiulio.com 17 bford@FordDiulio.com 18 Attorneys for Defendants Paul Pejman Edalat, Olivia Karpinski, Farah Barghi, 19 Blue Torch Ventures, Inc., LIWA, N.A., Inc., Sentar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and EFT 20 Global Holdings, Inc. 21 Since the parties involved served the pleading to which this pleading responds 22 via their counsel of record although purporting it to be their own, pro se pleading, service of this response on that counsel is appropriate. 23 24 Executed on March 30, 2017, in Boston, Massachusetts. 25 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of United States and the State of 26 California that the foregoing is true and correct. 27 /s/ Bridget A. Zerner 28 Bridget A. Zerner